

*Smith and Gregg counties: Smith the returning county.*—Bluford Washington Brown, of Longview, Gregg county, was born in Bibb county, Alabama, January 31, 1832; educated in Summerfield, Alabama; commenced the practice of medicine, in 1851, but soon abandoned the practice and commenced farming; entered the Confederate army as first lieutenant, Company C, Forty-fourth Regiment, Alabama Volunteers, and was promoted to captain, at the second battle of Manassas; came to Texas, and located in Upshur county, April 15, 1866; was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Legislatures, as a Democrat, and elected to the Sixteenth Legislature by a majority of 2200 votes.